

WOUNDED SOLDIERS HAIL GEN. PERSHING WITH HANDSHAKES

Commander of A. E. F. Spends
New Year's Day in Hospitals
Here Cheering Crippled Men.

By Lillian Bell.

Gen. John J. Pershing, Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Force, and General of All the Armies, spent the whole of New Year's Day in the army hospitals I have been writing about—just as I wanted him to.

He went first to Fox Hills and the Marine and all the time my train was rushing southward from Harmon, his military automobile was rushing northward toward Polyclinic, and there we met! And when I left at five o'clock, he was still there!

Honest to goodness, if I had been given a million dollars I could not have felt more as if I had nothing left to wish for than when I was telephoned to on the ninth floor.

Miss Bell, Gen. Pershing is down here!" and I shrieked back, "Hold him until I can get there."

Dear people, I wish you could have seen him go into every ward and into every room and shake hands with every man and woman in that hospital.

He was no longer the military commander. He was a human being, a man, meeting other men, all of whom he considered his peers.

There were no military salutes. There were warm handshakes, hearty smiles as only Gen. Pershing can smile, and such an atmosphere of cheer and encouragement that the doctors and surgeons would have less to do if Gen. Pershing could go through their hospitals once a week.

I said to him: "General, the boys appreciate meeting you, because you are their commander-in-chief, but I congratulate you on your privilege in meeting the grandest set of men I know!"

The General was a step ahead of me, but when I said that, he turned and said:

"Miss Bell, you are right. I am the one to be congratulated. These are the finest fellows on earth! And I couldn't think of any way I would rather spend New Year's than in calling on them!"

He took issue with me on one point, however. I said that the public had forgotten the wounded soldiers, and

that this campaign of the Evening World had awakened them.

Gen. Pershing shook his head and said:

"No, oh no! The people have not forgotten. On the surface it may have seemed so, but deep down in their hearts the public has a sincere and lasting appreciation of the sacrifices these men have made for us." "Well, you may be right," I said, "but most of them had ceased to show it to the boys, and they were lonely and homesick, and all of them needed money. We have distributed nearly \$15,000 to them in \$10 gold pieces, thanks to the generosity of the people who made those gifts possible."

"Wonderful!" he said, and then repeated to himself, "Wonderful!"

As Polyclinic as well as Fox Hills is under Dr. Cobb, it will be quite fitting to print here a letter from him:

Dear Miss Bell, The Evening World, in its issue of Dec. 27, of your article on Dec. 27, I wrote as follows: "But all that is changed since the army hospital has been turned into Public Health, which, by the way, is a living disgrace to the Government."

I give you credit for intending to compliment the Public Health Service, but I think, in your hurry of preparing your article, you let your dictation get slightly clouded, which is a rare thing with you.

Everybody is reading this as an awful slam on the Public Health Service, which I am sure you did not intend.

Very truly yours,
J. O. COBB,
Medical Director in Charge.

Now, one of the best little things I do is to apologize. And the delicate courtesy of Dr. Cobb's letter calls forth one of my best.

Of course, what I wrote is subject

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to misinterpretation. I can see that. What I meant was that it was a disgrace that army hospitals were inferior to Public Health hospitals, as they are. Why should an army hospital be inferior to any hospital? Tell me that. And why should army hospitals be inferior to navy hospitals—as they are? And why should the navy get better pay than the army? And better cooks?

I am an army woman and I see no reason why the army should not be as well paid as the navy, and especially why the army cannot have skilled men as cooks. The food issued must be the same; but, oh, the difference between army and navy chow! The food served at Fox Hills to the wounded, when it was an army hos-

pital, was a disgrace to a nation of cannibals. Under Public Health it is at least 75 per cent. better. So I hope Dr. Cobb will accept this frank and explicit statement, with my best apology for the discomfort I must have brought him.

NIVELLE AT OYSTER BAY.

Gen. Robert Georges Nivelle, defender of Verdun, placed a wreath on the grave of Theodore Roosevelt at Oyster Bay yesterday. In the course of a short address, he said:

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